

Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same. Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE moved:

That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Immigration and Colonization,—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. MACKENZIE said—I would mention to the House, with reference to this motion, that the matter of reporting the Debates should be assigned to the Printing Committee as part of their duties, and that they should be named the Standing Committee on Reporting and Printing. I mention this at present as I find it will be necessary immediately to refer the reporting of the Debates to them.

The motion was carried.

INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE moved the following:—

That if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and all Members returned upon double Returns are to withdraw until their Returns are determined.

That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or hath endeavoured so to be, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of the House of Commons, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

Mr. MACKENZIE said it might be more convenient, if, instead of moving these resolutions at the commencement

of every Session, they were made a standing order of the House and incorporated in the Rules.

The motion was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE laid on the Table the Report of the Department of Public Works; also the Report of the special commission appointed to investigate the nature and extent of the Baie Verte Canal.

Hon. Mr. BURPEE presented the Trade and Navigation Returns for 1876.

Hon. Mr. VAIL brought down the Report of the Militia Department.

On motion of Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, February 11.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. John Short, the Member elect for Gaspé, was introduced by Hon. Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Caron.

Mr. John Beverly Robinson, Member elect for West Toronto, was introduced by Sir John Macdonald and Hon. Dr. Tupper.

INLAND REVENUE REPORT.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE laid on the Table the Report of the Inland Revenue Department.

THE ADDRESS.

Mr. CASEY—I rise to propose the adoption of the Address which has been placed in your hands, and which is the customary answer to His Excellency's speech from the Throne. In doing so, I feel that I have a right to claim, as is frequently done in such a case, the indulgence of the House. The member to whom this task is allotted can very generally plead inexperience in Parliamentary speaking. He has also other difficulties to contend with. His functions, which are chiefly those of an echo, are not of such a nature as to excite any lively